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Police Urge Drivers to Stay Sober

Saturation Patrol Will Seek Out Impaired Drivers over St. Patrick's Day Weekend

Howard County police will be out in force to keep the roads safe this weekend. St. Patrick's Day is historically one of the most dangerous holidays for drunk driving. Police are alerting drivers that a saturation patrol will be in place to seek out impaired drivers and take them off the roads. The police department is urging those who plan to attend St. Patrick's Day parties to designate a non-drinking driver before consuming any alcohol.

On St. Patrick's Day in 2001, 99 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes, representing over 61 percent of those killed in all crashes, according to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

Howard County patrol officers will be out in increased numbers through Monday night looking for drivers exhibiting signs of impairment. As always, police are asking people under the age of 21 to avoid alcohol and adults of legal drinking age to use good judgment and celebrate safely.

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